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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

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| In re Application of Edward Balassanian | |
| Application Number 09/963,780 | Filed September 25, 2001 |
| For METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA METERING | |
| Group Art Unit 3627 | Examiner James S. McClellan |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

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- Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))
- Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))
- Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))
- Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))

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